



## News Advisory

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### **UDOH, IDS to Honor Transplant Recipients**

*Utah residents encouraged to donate to donor program on state tax returns*

**What:** The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and Intermountain Donor Services (IDS) will host a reunion breakfast for organ transplant recipients who have received financial assistance from the Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Fund.

**Why:** Since 1995, the Oscarson fund has helped pay medical bills and cover other costs associated with transplants for more than 80 Utah children.

Each year approximately 71,000 Utahns make donations to the fund on their state tax returns. The program is funded entirely through these donations. The UDOH, IDS and past transplant recipients will gather for breakfast and to encourage Utahns to donate by checking a box on their tax returns this year.

**Who:** Dr. David Sundwall, UDOH Executive Director  
Alex McDonald, Intermountain Donor Services  
Three organ transplant recipients and one child awaiting a transplant

**When:** Monday, March 30, 2009  
8 a.m.

**Where:** Cannon Health Building  
288 N. 1460 W. – Rm. 114  
Salt Lake City

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